Revision of Levy Sugar Policy

158. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proopse to revise the policy of levy sugar; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to divide Maharashtra into three zones instead of two recovery zones and make suitable adjusmtent for repayment of loans by Sahkari Sakhar Karkhanas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

Progress made on conversion of Manmad-Aurangabad Parli Baijnath Railway Line

159. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the progress made on conversion of Manmad-Aurangabad Parli Baiznath railway line upto Adilabad railway line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): The progress of construction on the gauge conversion projects in Marathwada as on 30-6-1991 is as under:—

Name of the project	Progress
(1) Manmad-Parbhani Parli Vaijanath (work is in progress only on Mahmad-Aurangabad Section-114 kms.)	77.40%
(2) Conversion of Parbhani Purna-Mudkhed-Adilabad MG into BG and laying a parallel BG line from Purna and Mudkhed	17%

Progress in the construction of Beed Ahmadnagar Parli Line

160. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the progress made in the construction of Beed Ahmednagar Parli new railway line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): This is not an approved work.

Progress made in the conversion of Miraj Latur Line

161. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the progress made in the conversion of Miraj Latur narrow gauge into broad gauge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): This is not an approved work.

Bonded Labour

162. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that bonded labour are an exploited lot;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the number of bonded labour is increasing year after year; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard to mitigate their sufferings?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (c) Bonded Labour is one of the social evils and stands abolished under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976. Since the start of the implementation of the Act 2,55,608 bonded labour have been identified and 2,22,935 have been rehabilitated. The Act envisages that the liability to repay bonded